

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 21 and ending on page 6, line 9 as follows:

A hydraulic motor 80 is mounted adjacent the front of the spreader box 12 and drives the chain/sprocket assembly 28 by rotating the sprocket 50. The result of this driving action is that the belt 30 and the sliding barrier 38 are moved rearwardly from their initial position shown in Figure 2 toward the intermediary position shown in Figure 3. Ultimately the barrier 38 moves completely to the rear of the spreader box 12, thereby discharging all of the material within the spreader box 12. The belt 30 and the chain assembly 28 can then be retracted to their position in Figure 2 at the end of the cycle. The belt 30 covers the complete bottom wall 20 to the rear of barrier 38. That is, ~~belt 20~~ belt 30 spans the width of bottom wall 20, and also spans the length of wall 20 rearward of barrier 38. The edges of belt 30 fit within grooves 82. Thus the belt 30 underlies and supports the material 54 and carries it toward the open rear end 18 of box 12. Prior designs must either push or drag the material 54. Using belt 30 reduces the amount of power required to move the material 54.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 14 as follows:

Furthermore, the belt 30 has its lateral edges guided in slots 82 (Figure 4). This ensures that all of the material is removed during the movement of the belt 30 and the sliding barrier 38 to their rearward position.